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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

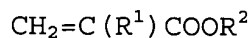
In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 10, 2002, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to November 10, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A water-based ink comprising:

- (A) a coloring material; and
- (B) an aqueous dispersion of polymer particles comprising a water-insoluble graft copolymer having an acrylic polymer side chain (P) and a salt-forming group (Q), wherein the acrylic polymer side chain (P) is a polymer made of at least one monomer represented by the formula (1):



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